GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:78
ANSWERED ON:07.02.2017
Intellectual Property Rights in Agriculture
Boianapalli Shri Vinod Kumar

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights Authority (PPV&FRA) to implement Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) in agriculture for the preservation of plants species and to promote the new species of plants as well as rights of the farmers and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government proposes to reconstitute the said authority and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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(a) & (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 78 DUE FOR REPLY ON 7TH FEBRUARY, 2017.

(a): Yes, Madam. The Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare has established the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority (PPV&FRA) under Section 3 of the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act, 2001 (PPV&FR Act, 2001) on 11th November, 2005 to implement Intellectual Property Rights in agriculture and for the preservation of plants species and to promote the development of new plant varieties as well as to protect the rights of the farmers. The Authority shall also facilitate the growth of Seed Industry in the country to make available quality seeds and planting materials to the farmers. The PPV&FR Authority consists of a Chairperson and fifteen members. Out of fifteen members, there are eight ex-officio members and seven non-official members.

(b): There is no proposal to re-constitute the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority at present.

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